


**Follow Up Information – December 2006 update**  
**SB-144-PM 1.8 - Ranchita Vista Landslide**

This is provided as follow up to:

Assemblymember Pedro Nava and The Montecito Association Open Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Sycamore Canyon Road Closures.

Who: Assemblymember Pedro Nava and the Montecito Association  
When: Thursday, June 29, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Where: El Montecito Presbyterian Church, 1455 East Valley Road, Montecito, 93108

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Topic	Action / Follow-Up
Access for Emergency Fire personnel along Route 144	<div></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Looking North at Gate &amp; Lock System</p> <p><i>BLM Type Gates were installed at either end of the slide on Sycamore Canyon Road (Route 144) at Postmile 1.8 (approximately Ranchito Vista Road) and will remain closed. Emergency fire personnel have been provided with access to the gate locks.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ <i>Gates were installed on Thursday, August 17, 2006 - completed</i></li><li>▫ <i>A 12-foot lane allowing for emergency fire personnel access during fire season has been cleared</i></li><li>▫ <i>A debris barrier (concrete rail) with a chain-link fence on top of it has been placed.</i></li><li>▫ <i>Keys to the locks have been distributed to the appropriate Emergency fire personnel for access during fire season.</i></li></ul> <p><i>Emergency access to area will be reassessed once winter rains begin.</i></p>

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General Public Access along Route 144	<p><i>Gates are closed to general public access.</i></p> <p><i>Sycamore Canyon Road (Route 144) at Postmile 1.8 (approximately Ranchito Vista Road) remains closed to the general traveling public due to the landslide. Although, there has been a reduction in movement of the landslide, it remains active. Therefore, restricting access at this location provides the maximum protection for the traveling public.</i></p> <p><i>Motorists should continue to use available alternate routes.</i></p>
Signage of Detour along Barker Pass Road	<p><i>Signage has been added and continues to be reviewed and refreshed. We will continue to monitor, maintain and review placement of signs.</i></p>
Intersection of Barker Pass Road and Sycamore Canyon Road	<p><i>There continues to be analysis of this intersection to evaluate possible improvements.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ <i>Traffic counts at this intersection have been completed</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Intersection does not meet requirements for a traffic signal</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Neighbors adjacent to the intersection have expressed opposition to signalizing this intersection.</i></li> </ul>
Private Corporation Information	<p><i>Date Filed: 7/18/2006</i></p> <p><i>Corporation: Sycamore Canyon, Landslide Repair Inc.</i></p> <p><i>Non-profit corporation registered with the Secretary of State</i>  <a href="http://kepler.ss.ca.gov/list.html">http://kepler.ss.ca.gov/list.html</a></p> <p><i>Agent for Service of Process: David Casselman, 818-705-6800.</i></p> <p><i>Specific questions for the corporation can be referred to:</i>  <i>Ronald E. Stronach, President</i>  <i>Sycamore Canyon, Landslide Repair Inc.</i>  <i>(805) 963-4646</i></p> <p><i>Specific questions about current geotechnical work for the site can be referred to the consultant for the corporation:</i>  <i>Cotton, Shires and Associates, Inc</i>  <i>330 Village Lane, Los Gatos, CA</i>  <i>(408) 354-5542</i>  <a href="http://www.cottonshires.com/index.html">http://www.cottonshires.com/index.html</a></p>

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<b><u>New Item</u></b>  Transfer of property to Sycamore Canyon, Landslide Repair Inc	<i>Ownership of Caltrans property outside of the roadway right-of-way at this location was transferred to the private corporation conducting the repair "Sycamore Canyon, Landslide Repair Inc."</i>  <i>Caltrans retains ownership of the roadway right-of-way. Records show the roadway right-of-way to be 50 feet wide at this section of Sycamore Canyon Road (State Route 144).</i>